collected from such foreign ships will not be forwarded to MARAD.

(c) any information provided in the remarks line will be stored in AMVER's automatic data processing system for later review. However, no immediate action will be taken, nor will the information be routinely passed to other organizations. The remarks line cannot be used as a substitute for sending information to other search-and-rescue authorities or organizations. However, AMVER will, at the request of other SAR authorities, forward remarks line information to the requesting agencies.

## § 307.17 Distress messages and hostile action reports.

(a) AWVER reports shall not replace distress messages and hostile action re-

ports prescribed by Chapter 5, Defense Mapping Agency (DMA) Publication 117.

(b) Vessel owners or operators subject to this part shall summarize distress messages or hostile action reports in the comments sections of AMVER reports.

## §307.19 Penalties.

The owner or operator of a vessel in the waterborne foreign commerce of the United States is subject to a penalty of \$50 for each day of failure to file an AMVER report required by this part. Such penalty shall constitute a lien upon the vessel, and such vessel may be libeled in the district court of the United States in which the vessel may be found.